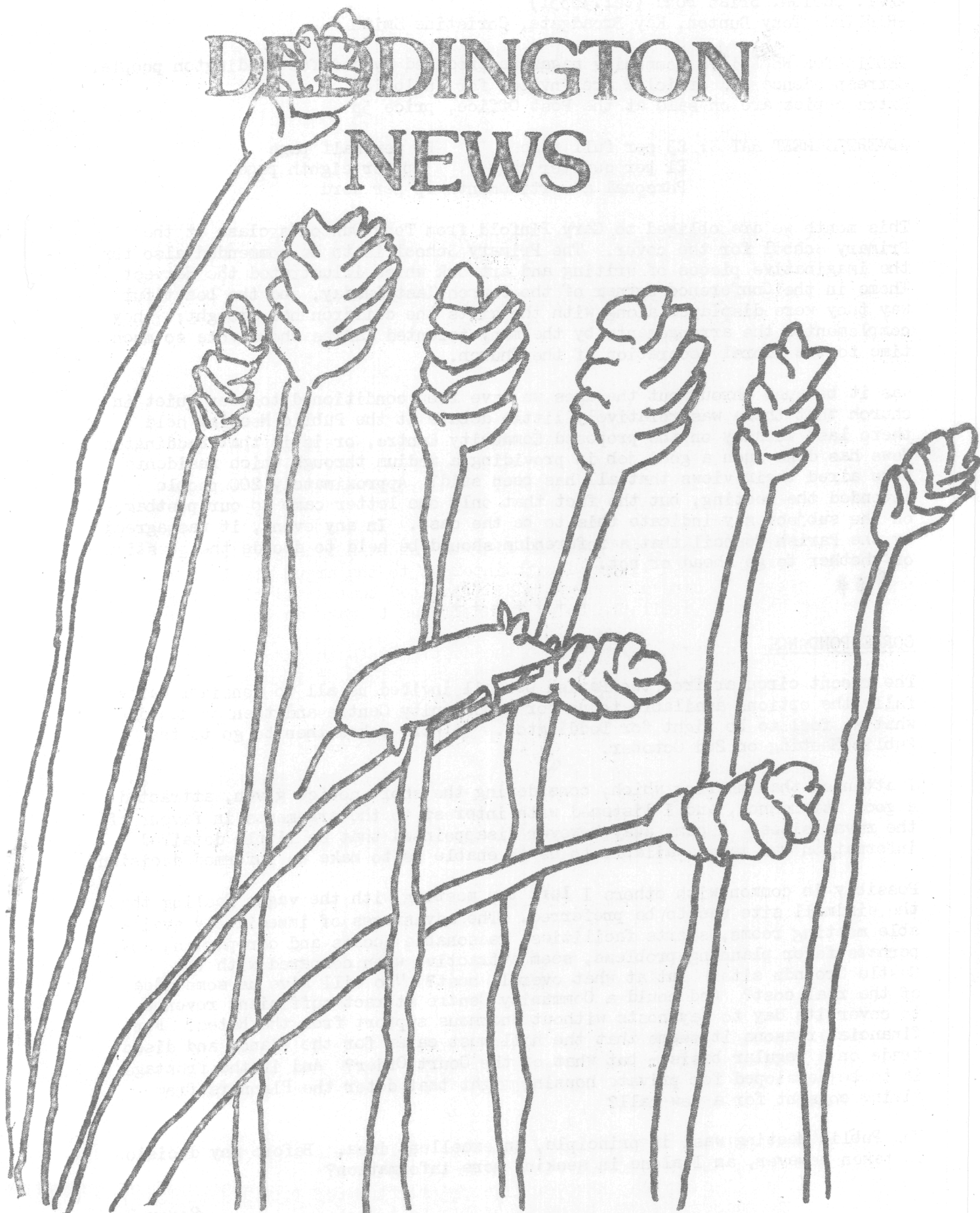


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This month we are obliged to Gary Pinfold from Tony Dunton's class at the Primary School for the cover. The Primary School is to be commended also for the imaginative pieces of writing and artwork which illustrated the Harvest Theme in the Conference Corner of the Church last Sunday, and the beautiful way they were displayed along with the gifts the children had brought; they complemented the arrangements by the many talented ladies who devote so much time to the floral decoration of the Church.

Was it because throughout the ages we have been conditioned to keep quiet in church that there was relatively little debate at the Public Meeting held there last Tuesday on the proposed Community Centre, or is it that Deddington News has done such a good job in providing a medium through which residents have aired their views that all has been said? Approximately 200 people attended the meeting, but the fact that only one letter came to our postbag on the subject may indicate this to be the case. In any event, it was agreed by the Parish Council that a referendum should be held to decide the question of whether to go ahead or not.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The recent circular from the Parish Council invited us all to consider carefully the options available to us for a Community Centre and then to decide what we feel to be right for Deddington. We were asked then to go to the Public Meeting on 2nd October.

I attended that meeting which, considering the short notice given, attracted a good attendance, and I listened with interest to the arguments in favour of the rival sites. I came away however disappointed that so little detailed information was made available to us to enable us to make an informed decision.

Possibly in common with others I left the meeting with the vague feeling that the Windmill site was to be preferred. The advantages of immediately available meeting rooms, sports facilities, reasonable access and car-parking and, perhaps fewer planning problems, seem attractive when compared with the Castle Grounds site. But at what overall cost? Who will give us some idea of the real cost? And could a Community Centre attract sufficient revenue to cover its day to day costs without enormous support from the Rates? For financial reasons it seems that the hall must cater for the 'dance and disco' trade on a regular basis - but what of the Court Order? And if the frontage is to be developed for private housing might that deter the Planners from giving consent for a new hall?

The Public Meeting was, in principle, an excellent idea. Before any decision is taken however, am I alone in seeking more information?

Roger Rose

I have been hoping to start a Scout Football Team to take part in the Banbury District under 14's Football League, but although most of the boys seem keen, I have been unable to find a Dad (or Mum) who could help me out by organising the games. I must admit I haven't approached everyone whose boy is in the Scouts. Please is there anyone out there who can help?

Alan has been coaching the lads in cycling proficiency in the hope that not only do they gain a badge, but also become sensible road users. I made an attempt to show some of the younger boys how to read maps and relate them to their actual surroundings in the hope that when we send them out on hikes to remote campsites they don't get too lost!

Many thanks to all the mums, dads and friends who helped at our Autumn Fayre, and thanks to all of you who supported the event. As far as the Raffle is concerned, there were three unclaimed prizes:

Bottle of wine - White ticket no. 23;

Address book and diary - Yellow ticket no. 22;

Tin of talc - White ticket no. 38.

Would the winners please contact me on Deddington 38198.

Robin Stammers

GUIDES

The Autumn is proving to be a busy time for us. Our new Patrol Leaders and Patrol Seconds have been working hard in their new jobs, getting their Patrols organised for various activities and above all getting to know each other, especially new recruits and building a team spirit. During meetings we have got up to date on badge work and done some first aid training.

This week we have been up to our ears in glue and felt, making finger and glove puppets for our Autumn Fayre. News of how we got on next issue!

We took part in two important events during September. One evening before it got too dark we were hostesses at a District camp-fire. This was very successful and enjoyable with almost 100 folk taking part - including guides from Bloxham, Adderbury and Sibford and special guests, some American Girl Scouts from Croughton. The cocoa and biscuits were most welcome during the evening - to warm the hands on if nothing else! Many thanks to Janet Broadbent who kindly kept the cocoa hot until we needed it; to Brian Fuller who gave us 'field-space' to hold our evening's get-together; and to Brian Bond, school workmen and Headmaster who let us have wood to burn!

A small band of Guides represented the company at the District Church Parade at Hook Norton. Well done on the smart turn-out and special congratulations to our young colour party Claire Cheeseman, Juliet Bouverie, and Deborah Webb - we were very proud of them.

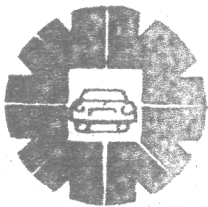
Maggie Rampley

BROWNIES

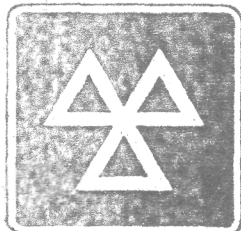
Rebecca Gaunt, Donna Humphries and Lucy Pickering have joined us this term and it is nice to have them with us. We have settled down in the Wesleyan School-room and we are grateful to the members of the church for letting us be there.

Twelve Brownies came to the District Church Parade at Hook Norton on Sunday 23rd October, and we enjoyed the opportunity of meeting with the other Brownies, Guides and Rangers in the District. At the parade we received an invitation from Adderbury Brownies for twelve of us to go to their 5p Fayre on October 18th at 5.30 p.m. in aid of Save the Children Polio Fund. Everybody feels that the twelve who went to the church parade should have the first chance of going to Adderbury, and there is a waiting list in case one of the twelve cannot go. We have also received an invitation from North Aston Brownies to go to their Hallowe'en party on November 2nd at Steeple Aston 5.30-7pm. Masks and witches hats will be worn!

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie



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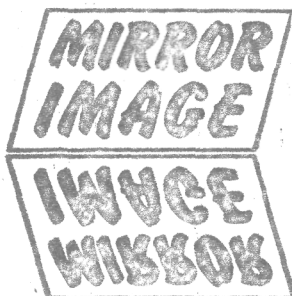
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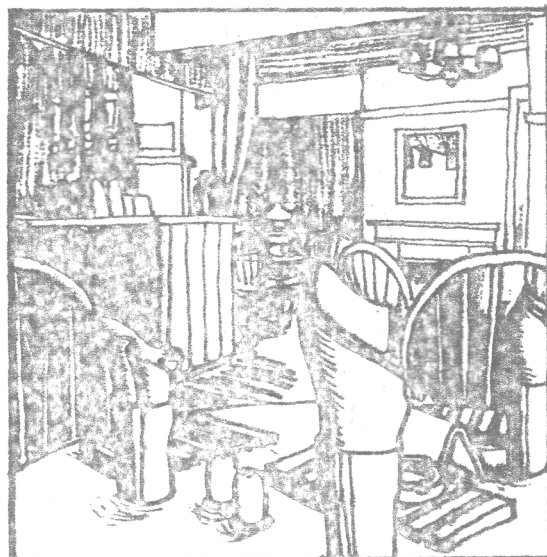
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The more one reads of the "distress" occasioned by the volume of traffic on the roads in this neck of the woods, the clearer it becomes that we humans are an illogical, inconsistent lot. Who is it, in fact, who creates that traffic except the people themselves?

As long as we demand the freedom of the roads, and our right to travel in our own vehicle in our own time, there'll be traffic, lots of it, along with the attendant parking problems, and no areas except the most isolated can hope to be free of it. Moreover, motorways at best can do no more than provide temporary solace, since it is inevitable that traffic in general will continue to increase as the rising generations copy the now-accepted code of one, two, three, and even four-car families, each going their separate ways.

It would seem therefore that we've either got to learn to live with this modern phenomenon or adopt the obvious - get off the roads as individuals and travel in groups on trains and/or buses. Learning meantime, at some cost in exasperated feelings, a fact of life: namely that what is perfectly feasible and indeed enjoyable for the few, becomes a nuisance and even a menace when practised by the many.

Lewis Foreman

May I please be allowed to express my opinion of Oxford Crematorium for which my late husband wished. First we were given a most reverent service in which his favourite psalm and hymn was sung and prayers following an address given by the Rev. Dickens of Cumnor, Oxford, which was very sympathetic to all the family and I must say gave me inspiration and courage to help anyone in the same circumstances. I wrote and thanked the Rev. Dickens and the reply was that he would call in when this way.

May I state that my late husband cared for a village churchyard for 38 years, so well understood how neglected a grave soon becomes after relatives leave the vicinity.

Mrs. D. King

DEDDINGTON LADIES

Our October meeting was held at the Holly Tree Club on Wednesday October 3rd. We were given a talk on "The Guide Dogs for the Blind", by a gentleman who is blind himself, Mr. Reg Hammersley of Bodicote Chase. He was accompanied by his wife, who was very helpful in answering questions, and they brought along Mr. Hammersley's dog "William" who was a great favourite with members.

The next meeting is on Wednesday November 7th with a talk to be given by a "Local Vet". Also on Saturday November 10th we are holding a "Christmas Bazaar" at 2.30 p.m. at the Holly Tree Club to raise funds for the Senior Citizens' Party.

Members of Deddington Ladies would like to comment on last month's issue of "Deddington News" about not enough being done for the Senior Citizens. This organisation has always given a party for 60 senior citizens and provided entertainment for them which has taken up many hours of their time to organise.

Daphne Harper



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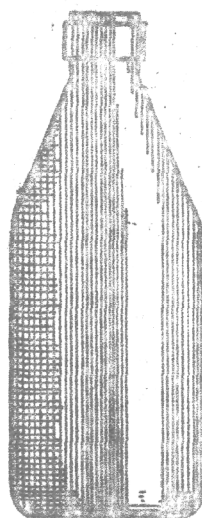
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too

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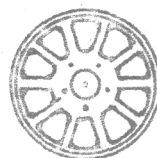
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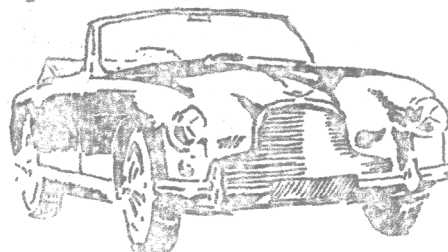
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A move to change the time of the Parish Council meetings to 7.30 p.m. instead of 7 o'clock was defeated.

A tree-planting scheme had been drawn up by Mr. Scott who told the meeting that the Cherwell District Council had not yet confirmed that it would give a grant of three-quarters of the total expenditure as had been expected. Mr. Scott undertook to follow this up with the District Council and report to the Clerk. He anticipated that the total cost of the scheme would be about £210 for about 40 trees. Mr. Scott added that the trees were container grown and that assistance for planting would be welcomed from anybody.

The Castle Grounds sub-committee reported that one plastic swing seat was broken, but that the other equipment was in good repair. Mr. Stevens said that recent legislation on playground equipment may have altered the definition of what is "safe". Mr. Ward suggested that the Clerk write to the Health and Safety Inspector with a view to getting him to inspect the equipment and also to the Parish Council's Insurance Company to make sure that insurance cover is still valid.

Mr. Stevens for the Street Lighting sub-committee reported on the costs of improving the street lighting. The proposal is to change the present tungsten lights, which go off at midnight, for 35w low loss SOX lamps operated by photo-electric cell. These would provide a much improved performance over a longer period. Mr. Stevens was asked by the Chairman to obtain a quotation from the Electricity Board for the work and to get from the Board details of actual running costs.

The proposed Public Meeting concerning the Windmill Site was discussed. This was arranged for Tuesday 2nd October in the Parish Church. Notices and letters concerning the meeting were ready to go out. The Chairman reported that the Cherwell District Council had notified him that the decision on the planning application (for use of a part of the Windmill Site as a Community Centre) was to be delayed until 31st October 1979.

Three planning applications were examined.

Brian Bond

W. I. NEWS

The first Deddington W. I. meeting after the summer break was held on September 11th at the Holly Tree Club. This time the speakers were "Terry" and "Anne", two anonymous volunteers of the Samaritans of Banbury, who told us about their organisation and their wonderful work in helping lonely and depressed people.

We were told how volunteers were trained and prepared and how they managed to man their telephone at all times, although this branch was short of workers.

It was obvious from their talk that all their volunteers were very much committed to the "Sams" and gave a great deal of time and thought to it, and we felt privileged that they were prepared to give up an evening for us.

Judging by the many questions asked, this was one of the most interesting evenings this W.I. has had for a long time. 25 members were present.

Marianne Elsley

DEDDINGTON SINGERS

We have commenced autumn sessions and are thoroughly enjoying singing Christmas carols, which not only include traditional but more adventurous new ones. Even if you don't sing yourself, make it known we meet every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the Holly Tree Club.

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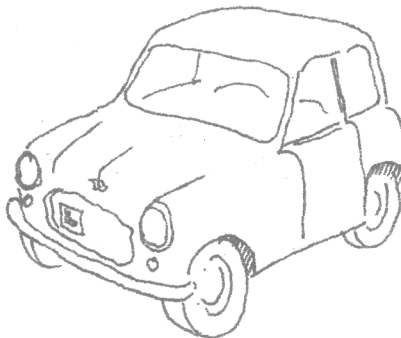
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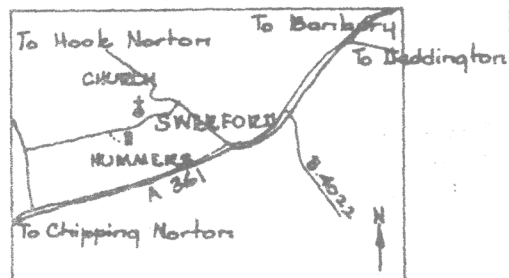
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Field Maple

The autumn leaves turn a very rich gold.

The field maple generally grows to twenty feet or so in this country. Its twigs, especially in young trees, are very corky to look at.

There is a good chance that we can plant some trees this autumn during National Tree Week - 10 - 18 November: Cherwell District Council will have sufficient money to pay three-quarters of the cost and our Parish Council will, I hope, be able to pay the remaining quarter. The trees themselves, their stakes, ties and guards are what the two Councils pay for.

We may only plant where the tree is not in its later life going to interfere with underground cables or pipes, or overhead wires. Deddington has an unbelievable network of Post Office telephone cables, electric cables, gas pipes, water pipes, etc., which prevent us from planting along, for example, the Hempton Road at its Deddington end, and in New Street and High Street. However, there are places such as the entrance to Mackley Close, in Windmill Street, Goose Green, Philcote Street and one or two others in Deddington itself where planting could be done straightaway.

It is easier to find room in the road verges, and Chapman's Lane (this leads off the Oxford road and down to Leadenporch Farm), the road to Hempton, and the main road to Oxford will be suitable. There is also room for two trees on the Barford road out of Hempton.

A number of Deddington organisations and individuals have already been in touch with me and undertaken to plant trees this November; will anyone else who is interested please give me their names. A tree planter will be required to dig a hole two feet square and two feet deep, plant and stake the tree, and attend to it as necessary over the first two or three years of its life.

John Scott

HOLLY TREE CLUB

On Wednesday 12th September, we had our last summer outing, this time to Worcester. Having searched the High Street for bargains, and eluded Eddie Lines (our Chairman) on the prowl, as usual, with his camera, we arrived at the Cathedral. It is well worth a visit, so steeped in history and memories of the past. Mrs. Henry Wood, the author of one of my favourite books, is commemorated here. "The Channings", was set in Worcester, much of it within the Cathedral. We were almost at the door when Eddie came in, and took our photos. What a thrill, in such a sacred place. I wonder if we were worthy of the honour.

On our way back we called at Evesham for some luscious egg plums, for which the Vale is famous - also, apples, tomatoes and pears. We were told the damson season started the next day.

As we settled down in the coach our driver came in with two large bags somebody had left behind. Nobody claimed them, and since the other coaches had gone, it was a case of "findings are keepings". Didn't he do well? Then homeward bound, with small carpet remnants on the rack above our heads, and plum juice running down our chins.

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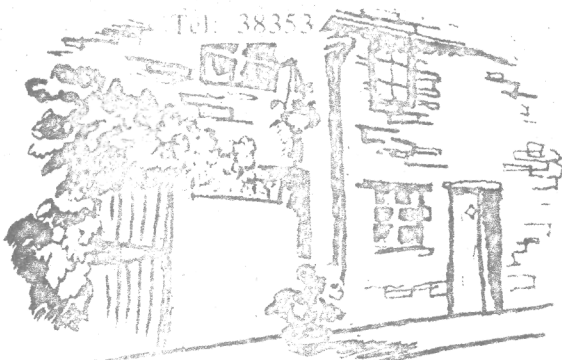
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I think it is true to say that more people dislike spiders than any other creature. In fact for some it is a real fear and has even been given a name - arachnophobia. The fact that all British spiders are harmless does nothing to alleviate this fear. The spider's body has two parts divided by a waist and eight legs, and six or eight eyes, so they can see us before we see them. There are about 600 different kinds of spiders in Britain, and they are nearly all known by their Latin name because so few have a common name. Almost all of them feed on live animals. Almost all of them make webs, though some species use other spiders' webs.

All of them spin silk to make purses to lay their eggs in. Some webs are flat and stretched across fences, gates, doors and windows. Some webs are tunnel shaped and are found in stone walls, bushes and tree trunks. Autumn is the time to see webs stretched over the grass with dew or frost on them shining in the sun. Beautiful and intricate and wonderfully made, they are worth looking at.

There has been an abundance of the devil's coach-horse beetle this summer. This is the beetle with a long black body. The tail end will curl up over the abdomen and the jaws open wide in a threatening manner when it is disturbed. It is quite harmless and can be seen on quiet roads and paths, and under stones and logs in the garden. It lives on dead animals and live snails.

Now those Scandinavian thrushes, the red wings and field fares are arriving and will be glad to find such a feast of berries in the hedgerows this year. Later they will come into our gardens for the windfall apples. Our summer visiting birds have mostly gone now. I saw a large party of young swallows, with their long tail feathers not fully grown, on the telephone wires in Earls Lane at the end of September. They were heading south and were soon to make the long flight to Africa and the warm sun. Winter visiting ducks and wading birds will soon be returning to their feeding grounds in the Cherwell valley, one of the most favoured places for duck in this part of the country.

Pat Hannah

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Harvest Barn Dance at Adderbury Village Institute Hall raised about £35 towards PTA funds. Thank you all very much!

On 29 September 134 parents and children from Deddington went on a rail excursion to York, sharing the train with families from Bishop Loveday School, Bodicote. They had a gruesomely early start - 7.30 a.m. from Banbury Station - but that made it all the more an adventure. The day could not have been better for exploring - bright sunshine and blue skies. There is so much of interest in York, quite apart from the National Railway Museum, that many families found they could have done with a whole weekend - or more - to see all they wanted to see. One day is fine for starters, though!

Details of the new PTA Committee, elected on Thursday 11 October at the Annual General Meeting, will appear in the next Deddington News.

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I married a wife, Oh then;
 I married a wife, Oh then;
 I married a wife, she's the bane of my life
 And I wish I were single again. (Old song)

The way things are, it is the easiest thing in the world to marry. It follows almost of necessity that it must also be the easiest thing in the world to get unmarried. If you don't like easy divorce, you should not like easy marriage, either.

We have to learn painfully to use our freedom to marry and divorce. The Parochial Church Council here, and Deanery and Diocesan Synods too, are thinking about "Marriage and the Church's Task". For the Church has always been in the marriage business, and to this day no other body is making a better attempt to deal with this particular hot potato.

So what is the case for and against easy marriage and easy divorce? I am in favour of "easy" marriage chiefly because it is impossible to stop people marrying, and I like to make a virtue out of a necessity. Also because I enjoy seeing people committing themselves to each other and being both extremely happy and extremely serious about it. The trouble today is that too few people are willing to commit themselves to anything with heart and soul, happiness and seriousness. I also think of the state of affairs in Ireland where one or more sons in a family used to stay at home and stay single because it was impossible for a small farm to feed any more mouths. This was often tragic. Economic celibacy is not a virtue. Now we are independent of the land, we can choose to marry when we like.

But it is also the case that in some families boys wait until they are around thirty before they marry, and even girls wait almost as long. Should we not encourage this sensible waiting? It is also tragic that in some families a girl (especially) thinks she is "on the Shelf" if she is not married at twenty. When she leaves school she has the prospect of a career and more in front of her. But if she marries first and has children, how much and how willingly will she learn when she is thirty-five?

Against this, boys and girls mature earlier nowadays. Boys' voices break at 12+ instead of 14, to the despair of choirmasters. This gradual change may be due to our prolonged prosperity, that is, more food and better living conditions. We cannot fly in the face of nature. So if people insist on marrying early, we must expect trouble, if not strife. Why should we not like easy divorce? "Because of the children". But perhaps there aren't any. "Because one party is going to be hurt". But the other party may be more hurt by remaining unwillingly married. "Because it's in the Bible." But the Bible is not a book of easy answers to hard questions. "Because a promise is a promise is a promise." This is so. But it does not help when you are hurt. We get in a great tangle if we try to prescribe legal remedies for deeper than legal troubles. The law of divorce can divide a house, a bank account, a family. It cannot divide a deep human relationship.

I leave you with a pearl of Luther's: "Ah, dear God, marriage is not a thing of nature but a gift of God. The sweetest, the dearest and purest life above all celibacy and all singleness, when it turns out well; and the very devil if it does not."

What, gentle reader, do you think of marriage today?

Richard Hannah

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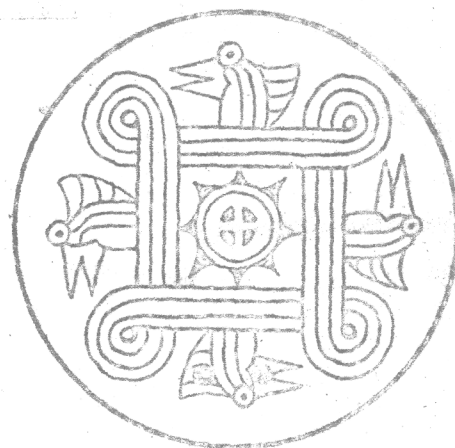
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A.G.M. Home and School Guild 21.9.79

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Peter Starkey of Steeple Aston explained the year's achievements in money terms as summarised below:

Opening Balance	£ 813	+ V.C.R. Equipt, and colour T.V.,
Total monies raised		amplifier and record player;
(of which £1773 raised		Stop watches (P.E. Department);
from sponsored run)	2,710	3 Tents (for Duke of Edinburgh Award)
+ Total donations to		School Books, Educational Games for
School in the year	<u>1,941</u>	Progress Unit, Tuba for Wind Band.
Closing Balance	<u>£1,582</u>	

Chairman's Report: Mr. John Collins of Adderbury regretted that his aim to involve more parents in Guild activities during his year of office had not been achieved, business demands being the cause of his inactivity in this direction. In thanking the retiring Committee for their support during the year he felt that 1979/80 was going to make greater demands on the new Committee due to the cuts in education. He believed that the Guild could achieve its aim of buying a Mini Bus in the year, as well as giving financial support to the School departments where necessary.

Headmaster's Report: Mr. Ruddock summarised the main activities of his first year as Head of Warriner School.

The Pluses

- (a) The good reports he receives of ex Warriner pupils from local firms who provide work experience.
- (b) A verbal promise from the Chairman of Oxfordshire C.C. of a School Hall in 1984.
- (c) The success of 'SMIKE' and other entertainments produced by the School.
- (d) The Warriner 'Day', a success in spite of the weather.

The Minuses

- (a) The industrial actions during the year.
- (b) The snow and erratic bus services.
- (c) The school had half the practical equipment it needed, i.e. wood-working, metalworking etc.
- (d) The ailing mini bus which had been kept going largely on waste paper. (Do all parents know that the School collects old newspapers?)

Of the future, Mr. Ruddock was particularly critical about the education cuts which could, he had heard, be as high as 15%. He did not agree that the Guild should have to buy school books and the Editor of Banbury Guardian was criticised for his article which advised schools to cut down on Extra curricula activities.

The meeting approved the purchasing of a new Mini Bus and the new Committee were given approval to obtain prices and organise the raising of the necessary monies.

Warriner Home and School Guild Committee 1979/80:

President:	Mr. M. Ruddock	Committee:	
Chairman:	Mr. J. Collins	Parents:	Staff.
Vice Chairman:	Mr. J. Burdon	Mrs. J. Burford	Miss C. Gyde
Secretary:	Mrs. R. Mortimer	Mrs. J. Langford	Mrs. J. Thompson
Treasurer:	Mr. C. Smith	Mr. D. Bellamy	Mr. R. Clugston
		Mrs. M. Jarvis	Mr. M. Lidster

Personal Note: My chief concern is that the good reputation which the Warriner has earned should be maintained. I believe that more parents want to be directly involved. If the restriction of County funds means a shortage of text books, then I believe the Guild should provide them. I am anxious to hear from parents for either programme ideas or problems they may have.

The first meeting of the new Committee took place on 3rd October. This was largely dealing with programme for the year. Parents are advised that the majority of the new Committee felt that the name of "Home and School Guild" should be changed to "P.T.A." and an Extraordinary General Meeting is to be called.

John Burdon

TRAFFIC COUNT

Set out below is a precis of the result of the traffic count carried out on 20 and 24 September. If anyone is interested in more detail, Betty Hill or Robert Forsyth would be glad to inform you.

Thursday 20 September

Southbound traffic				Northbound traffic			
	Cars & Light goods	Heavy goods	Totals		Cars & Light goods	Heavy goods	Totals
Time				Time			
6 am	213	64	277	6 am	49	39	88
7	393	92	485	7	202	77	279
8	473	101	580	8	413	110	523
9	423	106	529	9	431	57	488
10	415	108	523	10	377	108	485
11 310	310	97	407	11	436	99	535
12	317	83	400	12	274	86	360
1 pm	316	82	398	1 pm	291	83	374
2	340	55	395	2	365	81	446
3	384	60	444	3	390	101	491
4	483	66	549	4	549	76	625
5	518	44	562	5	545	64	609
6	446	39	485	6	498	42	540
7	367	29	396	7	324	24	348
8	163	11	174	8	206	14	220
9	125	15	140	9	140	16	156
10	81	18	99	10	104	9	113
11	58	15	73	11	105	6	111
	5831	1085	6916		5699	1092	6791

Since the last News, we have been busy preparing a programme for the year ahead. We have been making things for the Autumn Fayre and as I write this I am about to be invaded for a sweet-making session. Our next meeting on 9th October promises to be interesting. We will be visiting a local sauna. Any girls wanting to join us will be made welcome.

Jackie Stammers

PLAYGROUP

We are still unsure exactly what is going to happen with Playschool in all the negotiations over the Windmill School site, but correspondence is going on with the County Estates office and we will keep you informed. However, we do need funds to keep us going; hence Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Pratt very kindly offered their free services in running two extra afternoon playgroup sessions during each week. The response to these two sessions has been a great success.

The A.G.M. will have taken place by the time the News is out, and a list of the new committee and its officers will be in the next News.

I would like to offer my thanks to the committee and officers for their services to playschool in the past year and good luck to the new committee.

Carol Langstaff

OBITUARY

It is with much regret that we have to announce the passing of the Deddington Badminton Club, which expired for the want of a permanent home. Paid-up members may claim a £4 refund from treasurer, Bob Scott of 22 The Daedings. All remaining funds will be donated to the Scanner Appeal.

Resurrection is confidently predicted if (and when) Deddington gets the Community Centre it deserves!

Cliff Smith

HOLLY TREE CLUB

On a rather damp and misty autumnal day, the Holly Tree Club held their Harvest Festival. However though grey and misty outside, the Club was gay with flowers and apples, grapes, bananas, plums and a vast amount of beetroot. There was also the biggest marrow I have ever seen, and famous for the fact that our Treasurer won 1st Prize for guessing its weight at another Harvest Festival.

Mr. Lines opened the little service with prayers and the Vicar gave us a very nice address. The sale of produce made £20 - a nice round sum to go towards Club expenses. Everything was sold and not one beetroot remained - it may be the Year of the Child, personally I think it's the Year of the Beet. Where did they all come from?

However it was a nice afternoon and, as usual, the members turned up trumps with lots of produce and plenty of pennies (and beets!). Our thanks to them all.

B. Vivien Edmonds

WHAT'S ON

October 13: Warriner Autumn Dance at Bloxham School
17: National Schools Open Day
23: Mothers' Union Service in Church 2.30 p.m.
24: Parish Council meeting
27: Mothers' Union Festival Service - Dorchester Abbey 2.30 p.m.
November 7: Deddington Ladies meeting
8/9/10: Deddington Pudden Pie Fair
17: Deddington Ladies Christmas Bazaar 2.30 p.m. (Late alteration to date)
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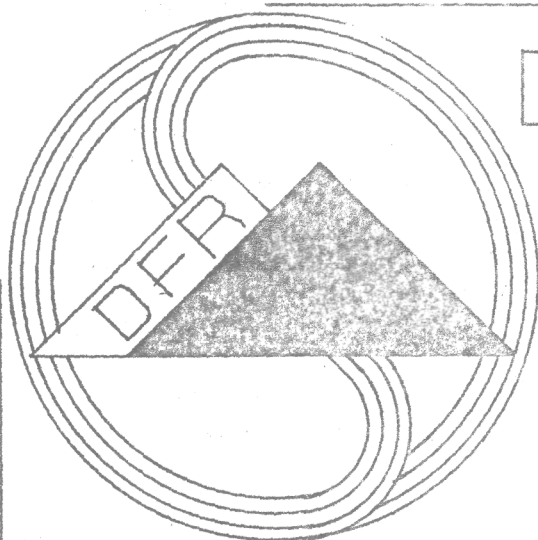
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In September 1967 a group of Deddington residents got together to carry out a traffic survey on the main A423 road through the village. The intention was to provide evidence in support of a by-pass and so rid the community of traffic noise, pollution and hazard. Yet now, 12 years later, not only is the problem still with us, the appearance of heavier and noisier lorries has made it infinitely worse, as anyone living in New Street and High Street will tell you.

In 1967 approximately 10,000 vehicles were counted over a 20-hour period and the prediction for 1979 was that this figure would rise to 19,000. To find out if this has actually happened, the Deddington Study Group has come to life again, this time to press for a decision on whether the X40 extension is to go ahead, and when. And to celebrate the 12th anniversary of that last survey, a new traffic count is to take place on Thursday 20 September and Monday 24 September between 6 a.m. and 2.m., and we hope our MP, Neil Marten, will be coming along to give us his support. Helpers will work in pairs in one hour shifts, one counting northbound and one southbound traffic in the lay-bys outside Deddington House and Leadenporch House. We have many volunteers, but some slots are still empty. If you feel you could spare an hour to help, please ring Betty Hill (38261) or Robert Forsyth (38384).

In addition we would like to repeat the 1967 survey of pedestrians crossing the main road to reach the centre of the village. Twelve years ago - and there was no Daedings estate and no traffic light control at the crossroads then - the total was almost 1,000 person crossings a day, and the average waiting time 4 minutes. It will be interesting to see how this has changed - is the present traffic light system adequate for today's pedestrians, for instance?

Below we have repeated the 1967 questionnaire and we would be grateful if everyone regularly crossing the main road would fill in this and return it either to Stile House or Leadenporch House, New Street, or - thanks to Mr. Garrett - to the Post Office, by the end of September. The findings will be sent along with the traffic count report, to Oxfordshire County Council, to Neil Marten and to the Department of Transport. Let's hope we get some early and positive results:

We are trying to estimate the number of times people cross the main A.423 road. This will provide some evidence to add to our traffic survey results to press for a decision on the X40 road. We should be grateful if you could fill in the following questionnaire and return it to:

The Post Office
The Leadenporch House, New Street, Deddington.
Stile House, New Street, Deddington.

BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

1. What is the combined number of times that members of your family cross the main A.423 road each week? (e.g. one member crossing and coming back = 2 crossings; two members crossing and coming back = 4 crossings).

Answer here.....

2. On average, how long do you have to wait before you can cross the main A.423 road? Tick the appropriate time.
Less than 1 min..... 1-2 mins..... 3-5 mins..... more than 5 mins.....
3. Have any members of your family had accidents or near accidents while crossing the A.423 road? Give details below
4. On which side of the village do you live? East / West (Delete as applicable)
5. Other comments.

ROAD SAFETY - Monty Spencer asked that something be done to prevent people parking too close to the Hudson Street/New Street junction and on the south side of the road, and also illegal parking around the village on footpaths and grass verges. After some discussion it was decided that the Clerk should write to the police asking them to look into the parking on footpaths, but short of a one-way system and double yellow lines, there was little else that could be done about the problem of Hudson Street. On the whole people park on the north side of the road so that there is no problem.

CASTLE GROUNDS - Ken Garrett reported that the Castle Grounds were still being mis-used by youths riding motor cycles. This was both dangerous and illegal. The people concerned were well known but persisted in doing this. Councillors suggested that regular checks by police would be a sure way of reducing the problem. It was noted that damage to the Football Club Pavilion has declined since advertising a £20 reward for catching offenders. Councillors were to be given copies of the current bye-laws so that they will be prepared to discuss their revision at the July meeting and in particular to bring the penalties up to a realistic figure.

STREET LIGHTING - The street lights in the Parish cost over £1000 per annum for energy and maintenance, yet frequently they fail to operate properly. Much of the system is virtually worn out and will need replacement soon.

The question soon to be decided is whether to patch up the present system - the time switches would cost £55 each if replaced - or to change over to a photo-electric cell system. Such a system would turn on the lights automatically during the hours of darkness without any timing devices or seasonal adjustment being required. Of course, this means the lights burn all night. Mary Robinson wondered if lights burning all night outside houses would be a nuisance to residents and also, with the prospect of ever-increasing costs and the need to conserve energy, if the scheme wouldn't be wasteful.

It was reported that the installation of the "All Night" photo cell lamps in Chapel Close, Clifton had been successful and that no annoyance to local people had been reported. The 35-W sodium lamps of the new system would use about one third of the power of the older type so that operating the system throughout the night would use less energy than the old lamps burned in a shorter time and were far more reliable. The installation costs could possibly be phased over two or three years and the Council could precept for it for the following financial year if, as proved likely, it was beyond the scope of the ordinary budget, the Clerk suggested.

The Council agreed to meet a street-lighting engineer who had offered to prepare an estimate of a new scheme, so as to determine the cost, independently of the Electricity Board.

HEMPTON REPRESENTATION - Mary Robinson was concerned that Hempton, with 16% of the electorate of the Parish, had no representative. Bob Stevens replied that all the Councillors represented all the people in the Parish; all were accessible. The Chairman, endorsing these remarks, said that a Ward system had been proposed in the past but had not been acceptable to the County Council. He had also previously offered to attend a meeting of the Hempton Residents' Association Committee, but this was never taken up.

Jill Choeseaman suggested that the Members of the Council could "advertise" themselves more, so that people knew where to come with matters that concerned them, and it was decided that lists of the Councillors' names and addresses would be displayed.

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BURIAL GROUND - Councillors were very concerned with the state of the burial ground. The Council pays for four cuts a year - at £25 for each cut. The first, in April, was satisfactory, but in May attempts to cut the grass when it had been very wet were unsuccessful and "it was still in a mess" in June. The grass between the gravestones had not been cut and the path was still overgrown - the small clear area had been sprayed by Roger Gardner as a demonstration of how it could be cleared! The matter was to be taken up with the contractor.

WINDMILL HALL - The Clerk had written to 15 clubs and organisations in the Parish to try to gauge what support they would be able to give the project. At that time only 6 replies had been received, and disappointment was expressed that a greater response had not been forthcoming so far. Monty Spencer said that those working for the project "should not lose heart.... Once they see we mean business they will join in." The Chairman, Donald Welford, reminded the Council that a large sum in grants would be required for the scheme and that, in order to secure those grants, local people will have to show that they will use a hall.

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HEMPTON NEWS

by John Webber

In the last couple of months we have lost - due to their moving - two families who have made particular contributions to Hempton.

Mike and Sandra Billington had lived in St. John's Way since the early days of the estate. Mike had served as Chairman of the Residents' Association and as a member of the Parish Council and we are grateful for his work over the years. Best wishes to them and the boys in their new home in Banbury.

The end of May saw the departure of the Isaac family. During their stay in the Parish Chris and Janet have been involved in local affairs and played active parts in the Residents' Association and Hempton Church activities, the Mothers' Union and the Deddington Playgroup. Chris was instigator and a founder leader of the present Youth Club which arose partly out of the two Summer Holiday Clubs which he arranged. He has of course been both an energetic Secretary of the Residents' Association and more recently has represented us enthusiastically on the Parish Council, and also worked on the Deddington Adult Education and Windmill Hall Committees. We wish them every happiness "down the road". Our loss is Croughton's gain.

Residents' Association Jumble Sale - We were given an excellent collection of jumble together with cakes and produce and raised over £35. Indeed, there was so much good stuff donated that it was decided to hold a second sale in Deddington for those not able to attend the first.

Bristol Trip - A very enjoyable day was spent exploring Bristol Zoo and the City. The weather couldn't have been better, the coach was comfortable and nobody was left behind - a great relief for the organisers!

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WHAT'S ON

Tues. 17 July	1.30 p.m. School Sports Day
Wed. 18	7.30 p.m. Playgroup Coffee Evening
Thurs. 19	2.0 p.m. and 7.0 p.m. School Concert - "Oliver"
Tues. 24	Deddington Ladies Trip to Drayton Manor Park from Market Place at 9.30 a.m.
Wed. 25	7.0 p.m. Parish Council meeting
Wed. 1 August	Deddington Ladies Garden Fete 7.30 p.m. Holly Tree
Fri. 10	Story Time - Deddington Library; 10.30 - 12.00, 4-7 age group 2.30 - 4.00, 8-11 age group.
Tues. 11 September	Brownies new term starts
Thurs. 13	PTA Wine and Cheese
Sat. 22	PTA Barn Dance - Adderbury
Thurs. 11 October	PTA Annual General Meeting